

## **TANF SERVICES FUNDED IN WISCONSIN**

### **ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM (AODA)**

#### Program Description:

Wisconsin has provided AODA services and other human services to financial assistance recipients starting in FFY 1995 for AFDC recipients under the JOBS Program Supportive Service Plan and continuing under TANF. The services include AODA services not covered, or partially covered, under the Medicaid program, as Medicaid does not cover the costs of non-medical AODA services designed to remove behavioral health barriers to successful employment. Non-federal resources identified as a cost to serve TANF-eligible individuals are included in Wisconsin's MOE calculation.

The goals of the TANF AODA program are as follows:

- To meet the special needs of women and TANF eligible families with problems resulting from alcohol and other drug abuse by providing pathways to intervention and treatment services.
- To ensure provision of wraparound services, including but not limited to parent education, vocational and housing assistance, and coordination with other community programs and treatment under intensive care.
- To develop a system that reinforces consumer empowerment and their involvement in the plan, design, implementation, and evaluation of the treatment program, as well as their care plan.
- To provide cross training and education to professionals who work with women and TANF eligible families.
- To evaluate the system impacts and client outcomes.
- To provide on-going training assistance for the development of gender responsive and culturally cognizant programs.
- To provide screening and information for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) and Fetal Alcohol Effects (FAE).
- To provide relapse prevention for at-risk clients.

#### Client Group Served:

Services to families at or below 200 percent of the FPL, that they do the following:

- Meet the special needs of women and TANF eligible individuals with problems resulting from alcohol or other drug abuse.
- Emphasize parent education, vocational and housing assistance and coordination with other community programs and with treatment under intensive care.

#### Critical Indicators:

291 clients served in 2000.

- After about 10 months of operation approximately 120 (41%) of the 291 clients admitted to the projects have received or are currently receiving, at a minimum, an AODA treatment service (day treatment or outpatient.) in addition to case management or wraparound services as well.
- The remaining clients 171 (59%) received or are receiving continuing care support, case management, or wraparound services.

- There are about 202 minor children affected by the projects' services. Most of the mothers are cooperating with child welfare authorities and taking steps to improve the quality of their living situation; housing, parenting, family cohesion, and family relationships in general.
- Only 26% of the clients began services employed. By discharge from AODA services, 59% are employed.
- At the conclusion of services, 88% of the clients have had no new criminal justice or legal involvement.

**TOTAL TANF FUNDING (Not including TANF in SSBG transfer): \$1,000,000**